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**Technology Center 2100****In the Specification**

14 Please delete the "Abstract" section on page 34, lines 2-21 and replace it with  
15 the following:  
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17 --Methods and systems for generating and sending an XML  
18 document are described. In one embodiment, an XML response generator  
19 responds to a client request without having to first build and save a  
20 hierarchical tree structure in memory that represents the response.--

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22 On page 17, starting at line 10 through page 18, line 2, please replace the  
23 text with the following:

24 --<?xml version="1.0" ?>  
25 <a:multistatus xmlns:a="DAV:"